Intellectual Property Rights Agreement on basmati rice

†1655. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Pakistan have not entered into any agreement oh the question of Intellectual Property Rights regarding basmati rice;

(b) if so, whether India and Pakistan being major producers of Basmati rice, European Union wants that for Basmati rice there should be joint registration for both the countries in European Union markets; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Under Reporting of India's Export Statistics

1656. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the media reports that India's exports statistics are under-reported;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry proposes any action to produce the real statistics; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) During 2005-06 the merchandise trade data of Textiles exports compiled by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S) was found to be under-reported when compared

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.